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IN THE CLAIMS:

Following is a replacement claim set.

1. (Original) A method for a server to obtain parent authorization of minor-proposed e-transactions comprising:
  - electronically receiving an e-transaction proposal from the minor;
  - automatically creating and electronically transmitting a first message to the parent, the message describing the e-transaction proposal and soliciting the parent to enter a transaction authorization code to enable consummation of the proposed e-transaction;
  - electronically receiving a reply message from the parent providing a transaction authorization code and e-transaction instructions; and
  - automatically executing the e-transaction instructions.
2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising creating and sending an electronically transmittable third message notifying the minor of the parent's response to the proposed e-transaction.
3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the reply message comprises a credit card number for electronically funding the minor's proposed e-transaction.
4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the reply message comprises a server-verifiable transaction authorization code.
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the reply message comprises a transaction specific code.
6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the first message is an e-mail addressed to the parent's e-mail address.

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7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the parent's e-mail address is provided by the minor along with the proposed e-transaction.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the parent's e-mail address is available from an accessible database.
9. (Original) The method of claim 8, wherein the parent's e-mail address is provided by the parent prior to the server's receipt of the minor's proposed e-transaction.
10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the first message to the parent provides clickable options to approve the proposed e-transaction and to reject the proposed e-transaction.
11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the first message to the parent lists each item sought by the minor in proposing the e-transaction and provides clickable options to selectively reject discrete items of the proposed e-transaction.
12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the first message comprises clickable options for providing the parent's reasons for rejecting items from the proposed e-transaction.
13. (Original) The methods of claim 1, wherein the proposed e-transaction involves the purchase of goods, and wherein the first e-mail message comprises information related to content of the goods involved in the proposed e-transaction.
14. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the first messages provide clickable hyperlinks enabling the parent to access reviews by others of the goods sought in the e-transaction proposal.
15. (Original) A method for a server to provide a parent with control over an e-transaction proposed by a minor comprising:  
electronically receiving a proposed e-transaction from a minor;

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receiving an e-mail address of the minor's parent;  
creating an electronically transmittable message addressed to the parent's e-mail address;  
electronically providing the parent with a description of the proposed e-transaction;  
electronically receiving a reply message from the parent comprising the parent's instructions regarding the proposed e-transaction;  
disposing of the proposed e-transaction in accordance with the parent's instructions; and  
electronically notifying the minor of the parent's instructions regarding the proposed e-transaction proposed by the minor.

16. (Original) A computer program product including instructions embodied on a computer readable medium, the instructions comprising:

instructions for receiving an e-transaction proposal from a minor;  
instructions for automatically creating and electronically transmitting a first message to a parent, the message describing the e-transaction proposal and soliciting the parent to enter a transaction authorization code to enable consummation of the proposed e-transaction;  
instructions for receiving a reply message from the parent providing a transaction authorization code and e-transaction instructions; and  
instructions for executing the e-transaction instructions.

17. (Original) The computer program product of claim 16, further comprising:  
instructions for creating and sending an electronically transmittable third message notifying the minor of the parent's response to the proposed e-transaction.

18. (Original) The computer program product of claim 16, wherein the reply message comprises a credit card number for electronically funding the minor's proposed e-transaction.

19. (Original) The computer program product of claim 16, wherein the reply message comprises a server-verifiable transaction authorization code.

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20. (Original) The computer program product of claim 16, wherein the reply message comprises a transaction specific code.
21. (Original) The computer program product of claim 16, wherein the first message is an e-mail message addressed to the parent's e-mail address.
22. (Original) The computer program product of claim 21, wherein the parent's e-mail address is provided by the minor along with the proposed e-transaction.
23. (Original) The computer program product of claim 21, wherein the parent's e-mail address is available from an accessible database.
24. (Original) The computer program product of claim 23, wherein the parent's e-mail address is provided by the parent prior to the server's receipt of the minor's proposed e-transaction.
25. (Original) The computer program product of claim 21, wherein the first message to the parent provides clickable options to approve the proposed e-transaction and to reject the proposed e-transaction.
26. (Original) A computer system for obtaining parent authorization of minor-proposed e-transactions comprising:
- first receiving means for electronically receiving an e-transaction proposal from the minor;
  - messaging means for automatically creating and electronically transmitting a first message to the parent, wherein the message describes the e-transaction proposal and solicits the parent to enter a transaction authorization code to enable consummation of the proposed e-transaction;
  - second receiving means for electronically receiving a reply message from the parent providing a transaction authorization code and e-transaction instructions; and
  - executing instructions for automatically executing the e-transaction instructions.

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27. (Original) The computer system of claim 26, further comprising:  
notification means for creating and sending an electronically transmittable third message  
notifying the minor of the parent's response to the proposed e-transaction.
28. (Original) The computer system of claim 26, wherein the reply message comprises a credit  
card number for electronically funding the minor's proposed e-transaction.
29. (Original) The computer system of claim 26, wherein the reply message comprises a server-  
verifiable transaction authorization code.
30. (Original) The computer system of claim 26, wherein the reply message comprises a  
transaction specific code.
31. (Original) The computer system of claim 26, wherein the first message is an e-mail message  
addressed to the parent's e-mail address.
32. (Original) The computer system of claim 26, further comprising:  
submission means for allowing the minor to submit the parent's e-mail address along with the  
proposed e-transaction.
33. (Original) The computer system of claim 26, wherein the parent's e-mail address is available  
from an accessible database.
34. (Original) The computer system of claim 33, further comprising:  
submission means for allowing the parent to submit the parent's e-mail address prior to  
receiving the minor's proposed e-transaction.
35. (Original) The computer system of claim 26, further comprising:

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approval means for allowing the parent to approve or reject the proposed e-transaction through clickable options provided in the first message.

36. (Original) The computer system of claim 26, further comprising:  
approval means for allowing the parent to approve or reject individual items of the proposed e-transaction through clickable options provided in the first message.

37. (Original) The computer system of claim 26, wherein the proposed e-transaction involves the purchase of goods, and wherein the first e-mail message comprises information related to content of the goods involved in the proposed e-transaction.

39. (Original) The computer system of claim 26, further comprising:  
research means for allowing the parent to research reviews of the good sought in the e-transaction proposal through clickable hyperlinks provided in the first message.